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Special invitation to attend

**Town Hall Meeting:
Planning an Ash Protection Experiment at Hubbard Brook**

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

1:00–3:00 pm eastern, online via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81313920991?pwd=RXhuODZWbGJFYkRLNlp1UjVhcEpQQT09>

To: Scientists, technicians, and staff who conduct and contribute to research at the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest

From: Matt Ayres, John Battles, Nat Cleavitt, Jeff Garnas, Liz Studer, and Matt Vadeboncoeur

Attached: Proposal.Ash-protection-experiment.v04c.pdf
Ash-Protection-Experiment.Attachments.zip

Please join us on December 7 for a discussion of the proposed Ash Protection Experiment at Hubbard Brook (see attachments for details). Because this is a relatively new project idea with an accelerated timeframe, the PIs and the Research Approval Committee (RAC) seek a broader discussion with the research community. The goals for this meeting are to:

- (1) Discuss the proposed study and hear feedback from the research community about the degree to which people support the work.
- (2) Identify interest and opportunities for leveraging this idea for other research and maximizing future value.
- (3) Identify any blind spots or potential threats: i.e., are there existing efforts or sensitive areas that this project could negatively impact?
- (4) Gather input on proposed plot locations and research priorities (an initial suggestion of treatment plots is in the attached experiment description)
- (5) Discuss strategies and logistics for developing an NSF RAPID proposal to support kick-off of the project.

The meeting will be facilitated by HBRF staff with the following proposed agenda:

1:00–1:10 pm	Welcome and introductions
1:10–1:20 pm	Overview of the project, with new background data from Liz Studer
1:20–1:30 pm	Clarifying questions
1:30–1:50 pm	Small group discussion #1: Opportunities and threats
1:50–2:00 pm	Debrief
2:00–2:05 pm	Break
2:05–2:30 pm	Small group discussion #2: Siting the experiment
2:30–2:50 pm	General discussion
2:50–3:00 pm	Summarize progress, remaining questions, next steps